

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Change paragraph 0031, as follows:

[0031] A plurality of mounting holes 50d is formed at an edge of the transparent film member 50 at an upstream side in the original feeding direction. Protrusions 50a are formed on the transfer guide 15 as fasteners for engaging the mounting holes 50d so that the transparent film member 50 is supportably mounted. Tongue portions 50b and 50c separated into adjacent strips are formed at the other edge of the transparent film member 50 at a downstream side in the original feeding direction. The tongue portions 50b separated into the strips extend freely toward an original guiding surface of the discharge guide 16. The tongue portions 50c ~~extends~~ extend at a backside of the discharge guide 16. The mounting holes 50f formed in the leading edges of the tongue portions 50c engage the protrusions 55a formed on the tension application member 55 as the fasteners.

Change paragraph 0045, as follows:

[0045] The springs 58b ~~is~~ are hooked on the spring stopper 57b formed on the transfer guide 15 so that the transparent film member 50 is urged toward the upstream side in the original feeding direction. The tongue portions 50b and 50c separated into a plurality of strips are formed on the downstream edge of the transparent film member 50 in the original feeding direction. The tongue portions 50b separated into the strips extend freely toward an original guiding surface of the discharge guide 16. The tongue portions 50c extend at a backside of the discharge guide 16. The mounting holes 50f formed in the leading edges of the tongue portions 50c engage the protrusions 55a formed on the tension application member 55.

Change paragraph 0051, as follows:

[0051] As shown in FIG. 3, the transfer guide 15 and the discharge guide 16 are integrated as a molded part, and form a frame of the reading guide unit 60. An opening 61 for reading the original is formed at the center of the reading guide unit 60. The transparent film member 50 is mounted at the opening 61. The tension application member 55 is also mounted ~~at the opening 61~~ for supporting the transparent film member 50.